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To Whom It May Concern:

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In 1989, vacation rentals permits were discontinued. There is a much greater demand for vacation rentals today, since the explosion of internet use. Many residents who want a permit at this time were simply not old enough to even dream of owning property in 1989. I am part of that age bracket where I feel that I am simply being shut out of yet another opportunity to own a home and financially make it in Hawaii. I suspect that many of the "more senior" residents who are complaining of vacation rentals purchased their homes many decades ago, when things were actually affordable. In their "day" vacation rentals were still an option that people had to make ends meet if they needed extra income.

Many of those that complain about vacation rentals are quite well off, and may not be able to fully understand why some people feel they need to have a vacation rental to simply keep their home. They need to look at things from a different perspective.

The permitting and legalization of vacation rentals in Hawaii, would generate new tax dollars into the state, and many who run vacation rentals do not pay the tourism tax because their operation is being outlawed. In my view it is a "win-win" situation. It will help residents in Hawaii, and will enrich the state government budget.

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